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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFO ON ILO ACTIVITIES

REF: A. STATE 203991; B. STATE 205678

1. VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT: THREE-MEMBER ILO VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM (ALL FRENCH NATIONALS) IS WORKING WITH HAITIAN GOVERNMENT (MINISTRY OF EDUCATION) TO CREATE A NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL FORMATION (INSTITUT NATIONAL DE FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE). PROJECT IS BEING EXECUTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A BILATERAL FRANCO-HAITIAN AGREEMENT TO CREATE A PILOT CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL FORMATION (CENTRE PILOTE DE FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE -- CPFP). THE TWO PROJECTS HAVE IDENTICAL STATUTES AND ARE FULLY INTEGRATED. THEIR NEW BUILDINGS ARE PRESENTLY IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PORT AU PRINCE. OUR LIMITED INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE PROJECT IS WELL CONCEIVED BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO JUDGE THE EXECUTION SINCE THE GOVERNMENT DECREE CREATING THE TWO INSTITUTIONS WAS ONLY ISSUED ON OCTOBER 9, 1975.

OBJECTIVE OF PROJECT IS TO CREATE AN ORGAN WHICH CAN DEVELOP A COORDINATED NATIONAL SYSTEM OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND PARTICULARLY, THROUGH THE CPFP, TO TRAIN A CORE OF HAITIAN INSTRUCTORS. ADDITIONAL ILO EXPERTS EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE AS OPERATIONS GET UNDERWAY.

2. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROJECT. ONE FRENCH NATIONAL

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ILO EXPERT IS IN COUNTRY WORKING WITH NATIONAL COUNCIL

FOR COOPERATION (CONSEIL NATIONAL DE COOPERATION) WHICH
HAS TASK OF ENCOURAGING COOPERATIVES IN HAITI. WE
UNDERSTAND SECOND ILO EXPERT (ON MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTING)
IS EXPECTED NEXT YEAR.

3. WE HAVE LITTLE BASIS ON WHICH TO ASSESS EITHER PROJECT,
BOTH OF WHICH HAVE COMMENDABLE AIMS, BUT ARE A DROP IN THE
BUCKET IN A COUNTRY AS DESPERATELY POOR AND UNDERDEVELOPED
AS HAITI. HAITI IS NOT A MEMBER OF ILO, AND SINCE EMPLOYER
AND WORKER ORGANIZATIONS BARELY EXIST HERE, IT IS PROBABLE
THAT GOVERNMENT ALONE WAS INVOLVED IN DESIGN OF THE PROJECTS
WITH FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS. THREE EMPLOYER AND THREE
EMPLOYEE "REPRESENTATIVES" DO SIT ON THE 12-MEMBER
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING
PROJECTS, HOWEVER.
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